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RAILROAD EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Between

BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION,  
Lessor

And

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY,  
Lessee

Dated as of March 1, 1976

THIS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT dated as of March 1, 1976 between BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("Lessor"), and LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, a Kentucky corporation ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

1. Lease and Rental. The Lessor will construct at its manufacturing plant at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 600 80-Ton Open Top Triple Hopper Cars bearing Nos. L&N 521900 to 522499, inclusive (the "Cars"), in accordance with Lessor's proposal dated July 9, 1975, DF 3400-440, and Lessee's order letter dated October 10, 1975, and any modifications thereof as agreed to between the Lessor and Lessee (the "Specifications").

The Lessor hereby leases to the Lessee and the Lessee hereby hires from the Lessor each of the Cars upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, effective as to each Car for a period beginning with the delivery of such Car and ending as to each such Car (a) on such date as the Lessee shall make payment, or cause payment to be made, for each such Car under a conditional sale agreement, equipment trust agreement, or other equipment financing agreement (b) upon purchase of the Cars by or in behalf of an assignee of the Lessor or Lessee, or (c) upon purchase of the Cars by Lessee pursuant to Article 14 hereof. Such termination may be confirmed by an appropriate instrument executed by Lessor and Lessee.

For the use and rental of the Cars, the Lessee agrees to pay the sum of \$1.00 upon the execution and delivery of this Lease.

2. Delivery. The Lessor will deliver the Cars to the Lessee f.o.b. Johnstown, Pennsylvania, beginning on or about March 16, 1976.

On delivery of each Car by the Lessor, the Lessee will assume the responsibility and risk of loss with respect to the Cars so delivered.

The Lessee shall cause each Car to be inspected by a representative of Lessee at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Car shall be tendered by Lessor to Lessee at the appropriate point of delivery hereinbefore specified and a representative of Lessee shall inspect the Car. If such Car is in good order and condition and conforms to the Specifications and to all applicable Interstate Commerce Commission requirements and all standards recommended by the Association of American Railroads, such representative of Lessee shall execute a certificate of acceptance (hereinafter called the "Certificate of Acceptance"), in the form attached hereto. Such Certificates of Acceptance shall constitute conclusive evidence that the Car has been delivered to and accepted by the Lessee under this Agreement; provided, however, that the Lessor shall not be relieved of its warranties set forth in Article 7 hereof. The Certificate of Acceptance shall be delivered to the Lessor at the time of the delivery of each Car to the Lessee. The

Lessee shall promptly, after the execution of this Agreement, deliver to the Lessor a certificate stating the persons authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Lessee Certificates of Acceptance under this Agreement.

3. Title to the Equipment. The Lessor shall and hereby does retain the full legal title to and property of the Cars notwithstanding the delivery of the Cars to and the possession and use thereof by the Lessee as herein provided, subject only to the rights of the Lessee hereunder.

The Lessee will through the term of this Agreement, cause the Cars to be kept numbered with their identifying numbers and will not change the number of any of the Cars without first notifying the Lessor in writing. In any such case, the new number shall be set forth in a supplemental agreement or in an amendment hereto which the Lessor and Lessee shall execute, and which the Lessee shall file or record in each jurisdiction wherein this Agreement is recorded or filed in accordance with Article 13 hereof.

4. Maintenance and Repair. The Lessee shall at its own cost and expense maintain and keep said Cars in good order and repair at all times subject to the right of the Lessor to inspect the condition and supervise the maintenance thereof (but the Lessor shall be under no obligation to so inspect and supervise). However, in the event the Lessor does so inspect and supervise as provided in this Article 4, the

Lessee will not assume liability for any injury to, or death of, any agent or employee of Lessor while exercising these rights. The Lessee shall not effect any change in the design, construction or specifications of the Cars or component parts thereof, without the prior authority and approval of the Lessor.

5. Loss or Destruction. In the event of loss or destruction of or irreparable damage to any of the Cars from any cause whatsoever during the term of this Agreement, the Lessee shall promptly and fully inform the Lessor in regard to such loss, destruction or damage, and the Lessee shall pay promptly to the Lessor, in addition to the rent, if any, secured for such Car pursuant to Article 1 hereof to the date of payment pursuant to this Article 5, and performance of all of Lessee's obligations herein, a sum equal to the purchase price of each Car so lost, destroyed or irreparably damaged, as defined in Article 14 hereof, which represents the agreed value for each Car so lost, destroyed or damaged, whereupon this Agreement shall terminate as to such Car and Lessor shall not thereafter have any interest in any material salvageable from such Car.

6. Taxes and Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations. The Lessee shall promptly pay all taxes (other than income taxes imposed upon the Lessor), licenses and assessments on or in respect of the Cars (including any which

may be imposed upon or in respect of said Cars by reason of or in connection with the Lessee's possession or use of the Cars under this Agreement) and agrees at all times to keep said Cars free and clear of all taxes, assessments, liens and encumbrances, and covenants that the Cars at all times hereunder will be maintained, used and operated under and in lawful compliance with the laws, rules and regulations to which they may be subject in any local, state or federal jurisdiction. Any sums of money that may be paid by the Lessor at its option by way of release, discharge or otherwise, of any of the foregoing, shall be promptly reimbursed and paid to the Lessor by the Lessee on demand as an additional part of the obligation herein with interest thereon at the prime rate per annum then charged by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, from the date of payment.

The Lessee, however, may withhold any such payment so long as it shall in good faith and by appropriate legal proceedings contest the validity thereof in any reasonable manner and such withholding does not in the judgment of the Lessor affect the Lessor's title in and to any of the Cars.

7. Lessor's Warranty of Workmanship and Material.

(a) The Lessor warrants to the Lessee that each Car delivered will comply on the date of its delivery with the Rules of Interchange of the Association of American Railroads (or of any successor thereto) and with all governmental regulations and requirements relating to the construction and equipment of

railroad cars of the same character as such Car.

(b) The Lessor warrants to the Lessee that each Car delivered will comply with the Specifications and be free from defects in material (except as to specialties incorporated therein specified by Lessee) or workmanship or design (except as to designs specified by Lessee) under normal use and service; provided, however, that the Lessor's obligations under this subsection (b) with respect to any Car shall be limited to making good at its manufacturing plant, any part or parts of such Car which shall, within one year after the delivery of such Car, be returned to the Lessor, with transportation charges prepaid, and which the Lessor's examination shall disclose to its satisfaction to have been thus defective. The Lessor shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damage resulting from defects in material, workmanship or design.

(c) The Lessor's warranties set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this Article are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties by the Lessor, whether written, oral or implied, except with respect to title of the Lessor to the Cars.

8. Prohibition Against Liens. The Lessee will pay or satisfy and discharge any and all sums claimed by any party by, through or against the Lessee and its successors or substitutes or assigns, or a person, firm or corporation using the Cars, which, if unpaid, might become a lien or a charge upon the Cars but shall not be required to pay or discharge any such

claim as long as the validity thereof shall be contested in good faith and by appropriate legal proceedings in any reasonable manner which will not affect the title of the Lessor in and to the Cars.

9. Lessee's Indemnities and Guarantees. The Lessee will save, indemnify and keep harmless the Lessor from and against all losses, damages, injuries, claims and demands whatsoever, regardless of the cause thereof, arising on account of the Cars or the use or operation thereof during the term of this Agreement. This covenant of indemnity shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the purchase of the Cars by the Lessee as provided in Article 14 hereof, or the termination hereof in any manner whatsoever.

The Lessee will bear the risk and shall not be released from its obligations hereunder in the event of any damage to, or the destruction or loss of the Cars; provided, however, that the Lessor and any successor or successors to its manufacturing property and business shall not, as to the Cars, be relieved from its warranty covering workmanship and material or design hereinbefore in Article 7 set forth.

10. Patent Indemnities. The Lessor, for itself and any successor or successors to its manufacturing property and business, will save, indemnify and keep harmless the Lessee from and against any and all damages, costs, royalties and

claims arising out of charges of infringement of United States patents which may be alleged to cover the Cars, articles, or parts thereof, excepting those patents covering the manufacture, sale or use in said Cars, articles, or parts thereof, of designs, devices, parts arrangements, specialties and equipment furnished or specified by the Lessee and as to such excepted United States patents the Lessee shall in like manner save the Lessor harmless.

The Lessee agrees that it will give prompt notice in writing to the Lessor of the commencement of any action in respect of which the Lessor may be charged with liability hereunder, and the Lessor agrees to give prompt notice in writing to the Lessee of the commencement of any action in respect of which the Lessee may be charged with liability hereunder. Said covenants of indemnity shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the purchase of the Cars by the Lessee or the termination hereof in any manner.

11. Assignments by the Lessors. All or any of the rights, benefits and advantages of the Lessor under this Agreement may be assigned by the Lessor and reassigned by any assignee at any time and from time to time, provided, however, that no such assignment shall subject any assignee to or relieve the Lessor or the successor or successors to its manufacturing property and business from any of the obligations of the Lessor to construct and deliver the Cars in accordance with the

Specifications or to respond to its guarantees, warranties or indemnities contained in Articles 7 and 10 hereof, or relieve the Lessee of its obligations to the Lessor under Articles 6, 9 and 10 hereof or any other obligation which, according to its terms and context, is intended to survive an assignment.

Upon any such assignment, either the assignor or the assignee shall give written notice to the Lessee, together with a counterpart or copy of such assignment, stating the identity and post office address of the assignee, and such assignee shall by virtue of such assignment acquire all of Lessor's right, title and interest in and to the rights, benefits and advantages of the Lessor thereby assigned, subject only to such reservations as may be contained in such assignment. From and after the receipt by the Lessee of the notification of any such assignment, all payments thereafter to be made by the Lessee hereunder shall, to the extent so assigned, be made to the assignee.

In the event of any assignment by the Lessor of its rights to receive any payments under this Agreement, the rights of such assignee to such payments as may be assigned, together with any other rights hereunder which can be and are so assigned, shall not be subject to any defense, set-off, counterclaim, or recoupment whatsoever arising out of any breach of any obligation of the Lessor in respect of the Cars or the manufacture, construction, delivery, guarantee or warranty thereof, or in

respect of any indemnity contained in this Agreement, nor subject to any defense, set-off, counterclaim, or recoupment whatsoever arising by reason of any other indebtedness or liability at any time owing to the Lessee by the Lessor.

Any and all such obligations, howsoever arising, shall be and remain enforceable by the Lessee, its successors or assigns, against the Lessor, its successors and assigns (other than assignees, as such, of rights, benefits and advantages assigned pursuant hereto). The provisions of this paragraph may be relied upon by any such assignee as a continuing offer by the Lessee to waive any remedies which it might otherwise possess for the enforcement of any and all such obligations of the Lessor as against such assignee, which offer shall be conclusively presumed for all purposes to be accepted by the assignee by payment to the Lessor of the consideration for the assignment of any of the Lessor's rights hereunder.

12. Assignments by the Lessee. The Lessee will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of its rights under this Agreement nor transfer possession of said Cars to any other firm, person or corporation (except as herein otherwise provided) without first obtaining the written consent of the Lessor to such sale, assignment or transfer.

13. Recording. Lessee will, at its expense, upon execution and delivery of this Agreement cause the same to be duly filed and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission in accordance with Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act,

as amended, and wherever else required in order to publish notice of and to protect the title of Lessor to the Cars.

14. Agreement of Lessee to Purchase. Lessee will purchase on or before April 30, 1976 all such Cars delivered hereunder on or before that date for which payment has not been theretofore made to Lessor. The base purchase price for each of the Cars is set forth in the Specifications. Title to the Cars shall vest in any purchaser thereof upon such purchase and payment therefor, and delivery shall be deemed to be effected at such points as the Cars shall be at such time.

The base purchase price in each case is subject to increase or decrease in accordance with the Specifications.

In the event of any change or modification hereafter made in the Specifications by agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee, the amount by which such change or modification increases or decreases the cost of the Cars shall be added to, or subtracted from, as the case may be, the base purchase price of the Cars.

The term "purchase price" as used herein shall mean the base purchase price increased or decreased pursuant to the two preceding paragraphs.

15. Default. In the event of any failure at any time on the part of the Lessee to comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in Article 1 through 13 hereof, the Lessee, at the election of the Lessor, which election shall be evidenced by notice thereof in writing given by the Lessor to the Lessee,

shall be obligated to purchase and pay for all of the Cars subject to this Agreement within five (5) days after the receipt of such notice (unless within such five-day period such default shall have been cured) in accordance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement with respect to purchase of the Cars other than the date for purchase set forth in Article 14 hereof.

In the event of any default by the Lessee in respect of any of its obligations under the terms of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall immediately cease and terminate and the Lessor may, without any notice or demand, take or cause to be taken immediate possession of the Cars, and, in such event, all the Lessee's rights in the Cars will thereupon terminate; provided, however, that such retaking shall not be deemed a waiver of the Lessor's right to receive the full purchase price of the Cars or of any other rights or remedies conferred upon the Lessor by this Agreement or by law, and provided, further, that in the event of such retaking and thereafter of the payment by Lessee of the purchase price, together with a sum equivalent to the costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Lessor in such retaking, and the making good of all defaults hereunder, the Lessor at the time of such payment shall deliver the Cars to the Lessee in the condition they were in when retaken and by appropriate instrument or instruments transfer to the Lessee title to and property in the Cars free and clear of all liens and encumbrances. In the event that the payment of

the full purchase price is not made by the Lessee to the Lessor within ten days after the date when payment is due, the Lessor, at its option, may within a reasonable time thereafter, sell the Cars, in which event the Lessee's rights in the Cars shall cease and terminate and its obligations to pay to the Lessor the full amount of the purchase price, plus a sum equivalent to the costs and expenses incurred by the Lessor in retaking the Cars, shall be reduced by an amount equal to the net proceeds of sale of the Cars. As used in this Article 15, the term "purchase price" includes the rent payable pursuant to Article 1, hereof.

16. Payments by Lessee. All payments to Lessor provided for in this Agreement shall be made in cash or in clearinghouse funds to the credit of the account of Lessor as designated in writing by Lessor.

17. Survival of Guarantees, Warranties and Indemnities. The warranties and indemnities provided for in Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10, hereof (except as may be otherwise specified therein) shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the full payment of the purchase price by the Lessee.

18. Extension Not a Waiver. Any extension of time granted by the Lessor to the Lessee for the payment of any sum due under this Agreement, or for the performance of any other obligation hereunder, shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the rights and remedies of the Lessor hereunder or otherwise existing.

19. Notice. Any notice hereunder to the Lessee shall be deemed to be properly served if delivered or mailed to the Lessee at 908 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky 40201, or at such other address as may have been furnished in writing to the Lessor by the Lessee. Any notice to Lessor shall be deemed to be properly served if delivered or mailed to Manager of Sales, Railroad Products, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18016, or at such other address as may have been furnished in writing to the Lessee by Lessor. Any notice hereunder to any assignee of Lessor or of the Lessee shall be deemed to be properly served if delivered or mailed to such assignee at such address as may have been furnished in writing to the Lessor or the Lessee, as the case may be, by such assignee.

20. Execution of Counterparts. This Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together will constitute but one and the same agreement, which will be sufficiently evidenced by any such original counterpart.

21. Article Headings. All article headings are inserted for convenience only and will not affect any construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

22. Modification of Agreement. No variation or modification of this Agreement and no waiver of any of its

provisions or conditions will be valid unless in writing and signed by the duly authorized officers of the Lessor and the Lessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereto duly authorized and their respective corporate seals affixed hereto.

BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION,

By

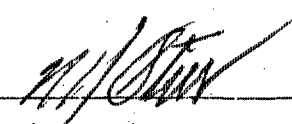
  
Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Assistant Secretary

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE  
RAILROAD COMPANY,

  
By

  
Asst. Vice President  
General Accounting

ATTEST:

  
ATTESTING OFFICER

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF LEHIGH ) ss.

On this 10th day of March 1976, before me personally appeared, G. G. Church, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Vice President of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

My Commission Expires  
August 14, 1978  
City of Bethlehem  
Lehigh County.

Lucy B. Kyle

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) ss.

On this 12th day of March 1976, before me personally appeared, N. H. Steer, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is Asst. Vice President of Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Sharon W. Bowles

Notary Public, State at Large  
My commission expires July 26, 1978

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

TO: BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION

I, a duly appointed inspector and authorized representative of Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company ("Lessee"), for the purpose of the Railroad Equipment Lease Agreement dated as of March 1, 1976, between you and the Lessee, do hereby certify that I have inspected, received, approved and accepted delivery on behalf of the Lessee under said Agreement of the following units of railroad equipment:

Type of Cars: 80-Ton Open Top Triple Hopper Cars

Place Accepted: Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Date Accepted:

Number of Units:

Numbered:

I do further certify that the foregoing cars are in good order and condition and conform to the specifications applicable thereto, and to all applicable Interstate Commerce Commission requirements and specifications and to all standards to the Association of American Railroads.

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Inspector and Authorized  
Representative of Lessee